IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 17, wherein the channel is formed to house a fiber optic cable.

5.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A well screen cover, comprising:

a perforated tube; and

a channel having a floor and walls, wherein the floor and walls are defined by the perforated tube and disposed substantially along the length of the perforated tube.

18. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 17, wherein the tube is formed of a spirally wound strip of metal.

19. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 17, wherein the channel is defined on an outer surface of the perforated tube.

20. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the channel define

21. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the channel is made from a material different from the perforated tube.

22. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 17, wherein the channel is form

23. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 17, wherein the channel comprises an open surface facing radially outward.

24. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the channel defines sidewalls having upper portions coupled to an inner surface of the perforated tube.

25. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the channel define:

26. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, further comprising at least one support ring disposed along the periphery of an inside surface of the perforated tube.

27. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 26, wherein the at least one support ring is configured to support the channel and the perforated tube.

28. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 18, wherein the channel is formed to house a fiber optic cable.

29. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 28, wherein the channel comprises an open surface facing radially outward.

30. (Currently Amended) A well screen cover, comprising:

a tube having a plurality of perforations disposed therethrough; and

a preformed channel coupled to the tube and disposed substantially along the length of the tube, wherein the channel comprises an open surface facing radially outward.

31. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the channel is formed to house a fiber optic cable.

32. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 30, wherein the tube is formed of a spirally wound strip of metal.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The well screen cover of claim 32, wherein the channel is preformed to house a fiber optic cable.

35. (Previously Presented) A method of completing a wellbore, comprising:

providing a well screen cover in the wellbore, wherein the cover comprises a perforated tube and a channel having a floor and walls, wherein the floor and walls are defined by the perforated tube and disposed substantially along the length of the perforated tube;

placing a fiber optic cable continuously along an exterior surface of the wellscreen; and

running the fiber optic cable and the well screen cover into the wellbore without substantially damaging the fiber optic cable.

36. (Currently Amended) A method of completing a wellbore, comprising:

providing a well screen cover in the wellbore, wherein the cover comprises a tube having a plurality of perforations disposed therethrough and a preformed channel coupled to the tube and disposed substantially along the length of the tube, wherein the channel comprises an open surface facing radially outward;

placing a fiber optic cable continuously along an exterior surface of the wellscreen; and

running the fiber optic cable and the well screen cover into the wellbore without substantially damaging the fiber optic cable.